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Daniel Glickman
Secretary of Agriculture
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Dear Secretary Glickman:

After reading some of the literature available at this time, I have come to the conclusion that a labeling scheme should be required for all genetically engineered food. Inasmuch as the best evidence available at this time suggests that there is no evidence that such food is unsafe, but at the same time we in fact, do not actually know that such food is indeed totally safe, it would be prudent to at least conform to the standards of our European neighbors and require labeling such that consumers can decide for themselves what they will ingest.

Personally, I do not wish to be used as a guinea pig so that perhaps a Secretary of Agriculture thirty or some odd years in the future will have the necessary evidence to make the decision not to sell genetically engineered food without labeling, or to remove such foods from the marketplace entirely. There is little to be lost to require such labeling today.

I, who prefer to eat organically grown foods, want to know that the U.S. Government can only certify foods as organically grown if they are not genetically engineered. Please, we have high standards by which we must live if we are to be a light unto the world. You are our standard bearer in the Department of Agriculture.

Shalom,



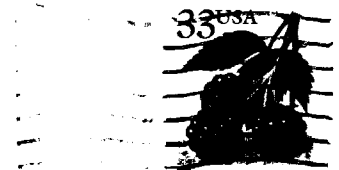
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